

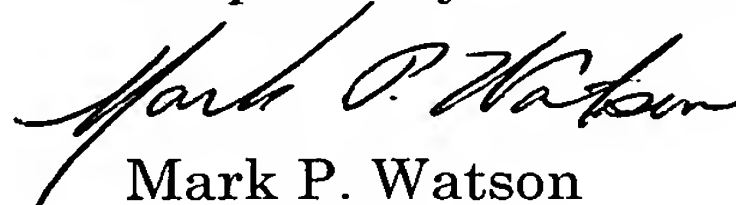
**REMARKS**

Figure 19 has been amended to include "Prior Art" as in the Examiner's amendment included with the Notice of Allowability. It is respectfully submitted that the proposed changes do not raise any new issues or require any further searching or consideration. Accordingly, entry of this amendment after allowance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 is respectfully requested.

**NOTE**

On March 10, 2004, A Notice of Allowability in the subject application was mailed by the Patent Office. In reviewing our file we find that no acknowledgment from the Examiner was received for an Information Disclosure Statement submitted to the Patent Office on May 31, 2002 and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted to the Patent Office on June 10, 2002. The Information Disclosure Statement was received by the Patent Office on June 12, 2002 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was received on June 19, 2002. This is evidenced by the mailroom's date stamp on the postcard filed therewith, copies of which are enclosed. Also enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449s, and 3 references as filed.

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